



# The Black River Bear Weekly



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## Learning for Living...

We are coming up to the time of the school year where students and parents will receive their first formal reporting of student learning for this school year. At school (and at home) teachers are working on the progress reports that will be sent home next week to share with families how our learners have adapted to the start of the school year. Along with the preparation of these formal reports, teachers and students are also working in their classroom to ensure that each student is able to speak to their learning and accomplishments; *so far*.

We emphasize *so far* because it is the key point of this reflection. The progress report represents a summary of how each student has started the school year and the manner in which they have responded to the learning expectations of their current grade and class. The report is designed to confirm the areas of strength and inform parents (and students) of any areas of concern. Though some information is provided on progress related to the curriculum expectations; this is not the focus of, or main rationale for, the progress report. The learning skills are the focus of the progress report. This is why they are featured prominently on the front of the report form and why there is more space allotted for teachers to comment in this area. There are 6 [learning skills](#) featured in our curriculum documents and they are consistent across the grades (from grade 1 to grade 12).

As important as the content of the curriculum is, it really only represents knowledge and information. We know that knowing things is important; but it's how we use and apply our knowledge that ultimately defines our success. It's helpful to know that parents can be a great support in helping their children develop their learning skills- we don't have to be experts about a curriculum subject area to help our children learn how to be responsible, independent or organized. As you read your child's progress report, we hope you will recognize the importance of learning skills and how we can work together to help them develop these skills.

Brian Harrison & Christine Smith

## The Week Ahead...

Mon. Nov. 4th Day 2	Gr. 7 VIP Photo Retakes School Council Meeting- 5:30
Tues. Nov. 5th Day 3	Intermediate Girls Volleyball game @ Sutton PS- 2:30-4:00
Wed. Nov. 6th Day 4	
Thurs. Nov. 7th Day 5	Pizza Lunch
Fri. Nov. 8th Day 1	

## Quick Hits...

**Parent Teacher Conferences...**In conjunction with the sharing of progress reports on **November 13th**, we will be hosting **Parent/Teacher Interviews** on the night of **November 14th** and morning of the **November 15th PA day**. Once again this year we'll be using the **EDSBY** application to schedule the interviews; streamlining the scheduling process for parents. Early next week, parents who have activated their EDSBY accounts will receive an email as well as a message in their EDSBY inbox inviting them to access to the **Parent Interview booking tool**- from their they will just need to click on the link and make their selections. Parents who do not have active accounts are asked to contact their child's teacher(s) to schedule an appointment.

## Council Corner...

**Halloween Dance-a-thon...**Our Black River School Council **Dance-a-thon** was a resounding success! Our students had a great time dancing off some of that pre-Halloween energy and, along the way raised almost \$3000! We'd like to thank all those families who made donations and acknowledge the hard work of the parent volunteers from our School Council who worked before, during and after the event to make sure it was fun and successful!

**Council Updates and information...**Parents are invited to join our **Black River School Council**. Council members work together to support student learning and wellness, host events and enhance our school program. The council meets the **first Monday of the month** (our next meeting is **Monday, Nov. 4th at 5:30**. Please follow our [Black River School Council Facebook Page](#) for more information on what we are planning and what is happening in the school.

# November @ Black River Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Booster Juice orders due @ 12:00 on <a href="#">Lunch Box Orders</a>	<b>Oct. 28</b> Day 2	<b>Oct. 29</b> Day 3	<b>Oct. 30</b> Day 4 Booster Juice	<b>Oct. 31</b> Day 5 Pizza Lunch	<b>1</b> Day 1	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Day 2 Photo Retakes Gr. 7 VIP School Council @ 5:30	<b>5</b> Day 3	<b>6</b> Day 4	<b>7</b> Day 5 Pizza Lunch	<b>8</b> Day 1	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Booster Juice orders due @ 12:00 on <a href="#">Lunch Box Orders</a>	<b>11</b> Day 2 Remembrance Day Service	<b>12</b> Day 3	<b>13</b> Day 4 Intermediate Girls Volleyball @ SDHS Booster Juice	<b>14</b> Day 5 Pizza Lunch Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:30	<b>15</b> PA Day Parent/Teacher Interviews 9:00-11:30	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Day 1	<b>19</b> Day 2	<b>20</b> Day 3	<b>21</b> Day 4 Pizza Lunch	<b>22</b> Day 5	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Diwali Booster Juice orders due @ 12:00 on <a href="#">Lunch Box Orders</a>	<b>25</b> Day 1	<b>26</b> Day 2	<b>27</b> Day 3 Booster Juice	<b>28</b> Day 4 Pizza Lunch	<b>29</b> Day 5	<b>30</b>

Please remember to check our school [website](#) calendar for current updates and details on school events.